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NASA's Earth Science Enterprise

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International Context, Progress, Challenges

**IGARSS 2003
21 July 2003**



An Earth Science Vision

Global Understanding of the Complexities of Our Planet

Monday (MO09) July 21, 2003 - Afternoon

Session 1

Chair: Gran Paules

Co-Chair:

Paul Curran

- **Earth System Model: *The potential for predicting future variability and change in the Earth environment using integrated Earth System Modeling--Mark Schoeberl***
- **Ocean & Atmosphere: *Predicting monthly to seasonal climate variability and the oceanic and atmospheric causes and effects--Peter Hildebrand***
- **Biosphere: A decadal vision: *Predicting biosphere-climate interactions and the availability of fresh water under the influence of climate change including the effects induced by humans-- Rick Miller***
- **Solid Earth: *Predicting solid Earth interactions with climate and the effects on habitability of Earth--Ron Blom***
- **Climate Change—*Bringing awareness to an international scale: potential implications of our coming understanding of the causes and effects of climate variability and change--Michael J. Prather***

Earth System Science



Sun- Earth
Connection

Climate Variability
and Change

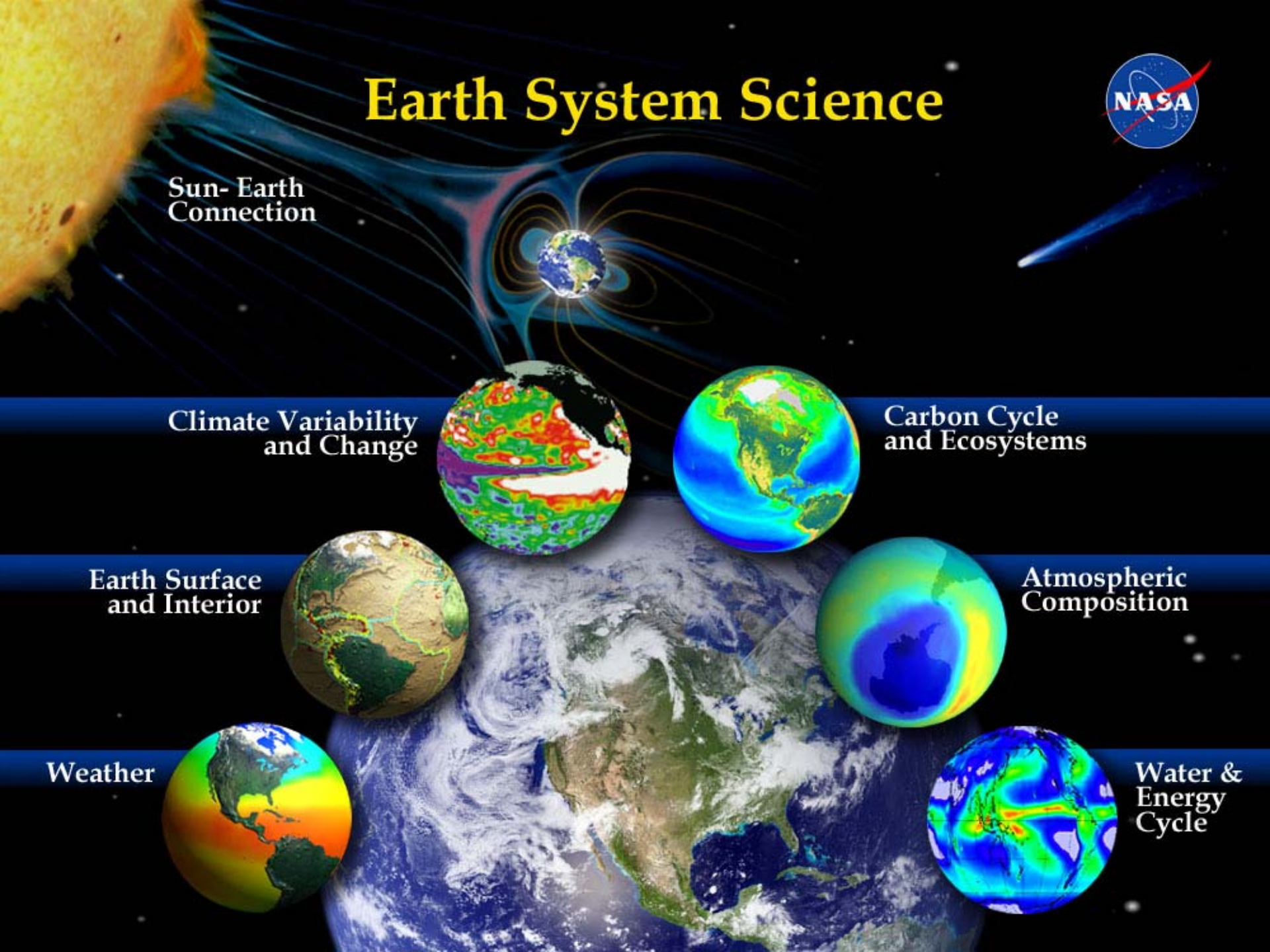
Carbon Cycle
and Ecosystems

Earth Surface
and Interior

Atmospheric
Composition

Weather

Water &
Energy
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NASA's Earth Observing System & Related Satellites



Earth Observing System

Candidate Future Missions
In Formulation /Preformulation



Terra



Landsat



ICESat



Calipso



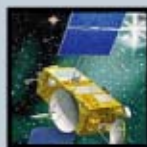
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NOAA/GOES



Aqua



Jason



SeaWiFS



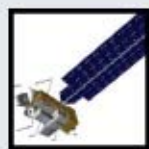
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EO-1: ALI
& Hyperion



NOAA/POES



Aura



SORCE, ACRIM



SeaWinds
(QuikSCAT, ADEOS II)



GRACE



SAGE III



TRMM

The Earth Observing System -- systematic measurement of interactions among land, oceans, atmosphere, ice & life

Exploratory missions to probe key Earth system processes globally for the first time

Operational precursor/Technology demos

Operational weather services missions for NOAA



Next Generation Missions

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**NPOESS
Preparatory
Project**



**Ocean Vector
Winds Mission**



**Synthetic
Aperture Radar**



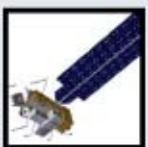
**Orbiting Carbon
Observatory**



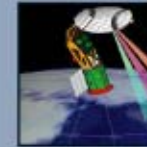
**Landsat Data
Continuity Mission**



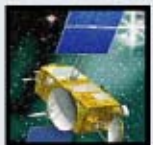
**Global
Precipitation
Measurement**



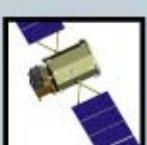
**Chemistry/Climate
Mission**



Aquarius



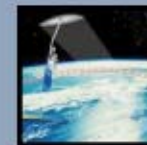
**Ocean Surface
Topography
Mission**



**Aerosol
Polarimeter
Sensor**



**Cryosphere
Monitoring
Mission**



Hydros

**Advanced
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Carbon**

**Cold Climate
Processes**

**Vegetation
Recovery**

Next generation systematic measurement missions to extend/enhance the record of science-quality global change data

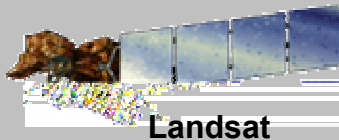
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**Future research
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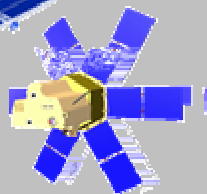
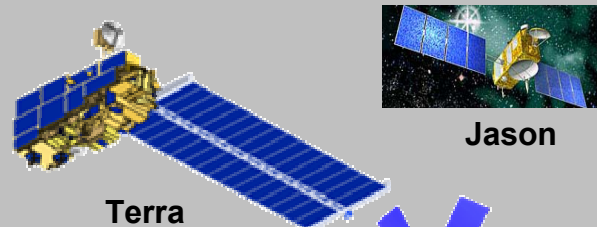
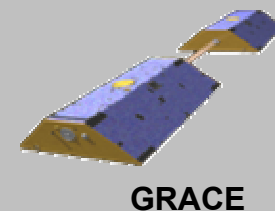
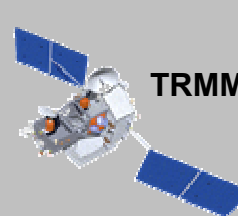


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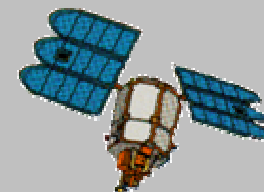
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**TOPEX/
Poseidon**



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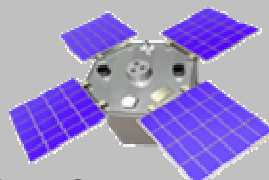
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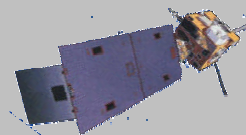


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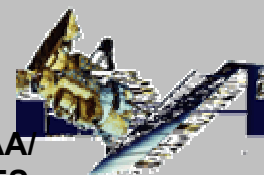


*Operational weather services
missions with NOAA*

**NOAA/
GOES**



**NOAA/
POES**

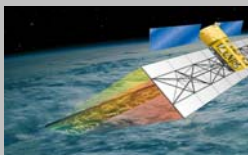




ESE Missions in Formulation & Implementation

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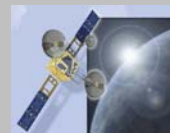
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Aerosol Mission

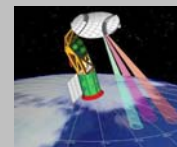


Global Precipitation Measurement



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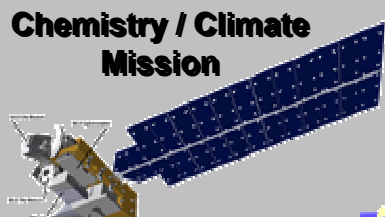
Future research measurements: Soil moisture, Advanced gravity, Ocean carbon, Cold climate processes, Vegetation recovery



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Landsat Data Continuity Mission



Chemistry / Climate Mission



Solar Irradiance Measurement



Total Column Ozone



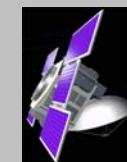
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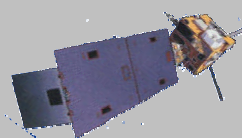


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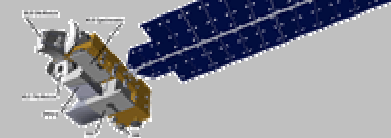
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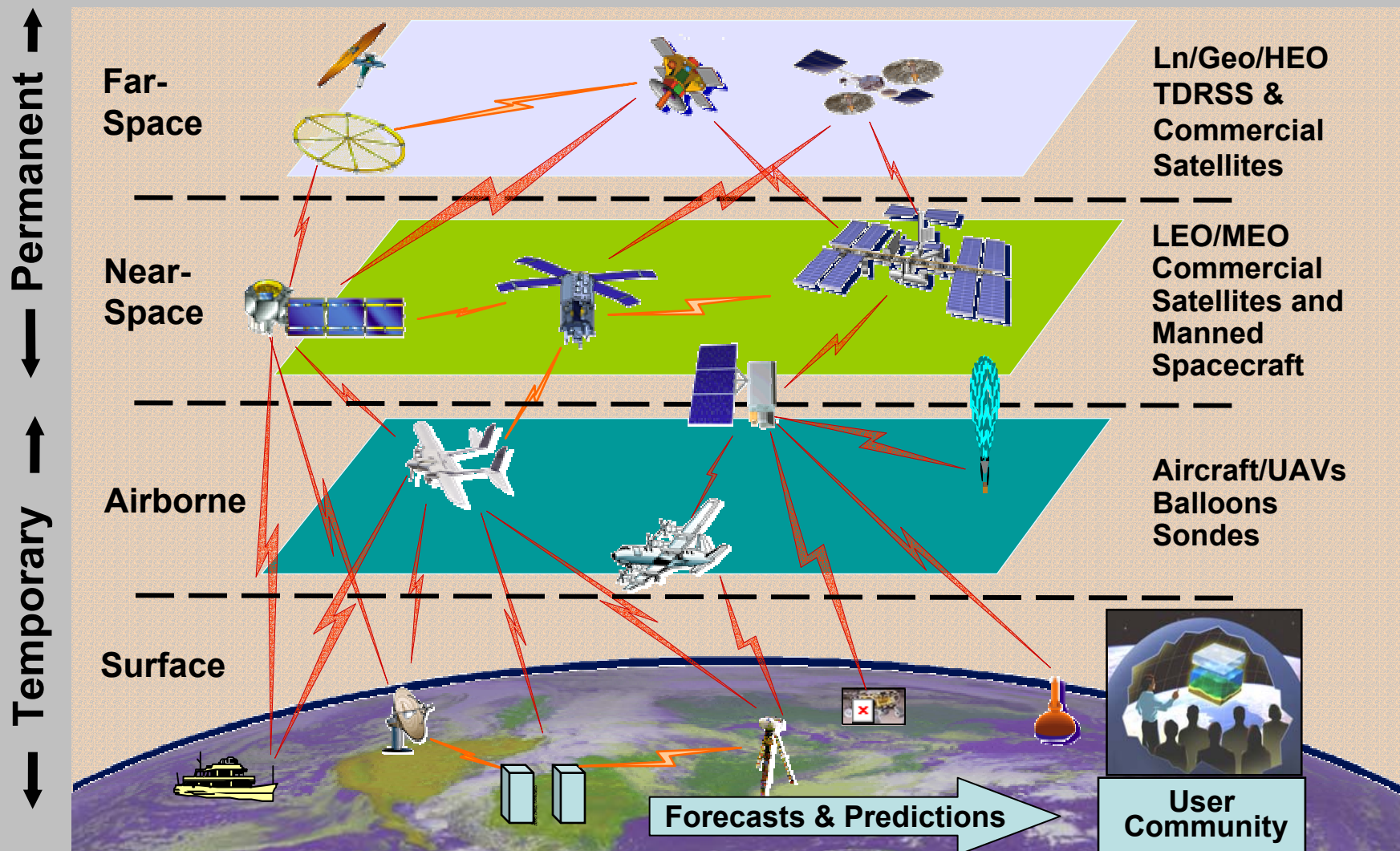


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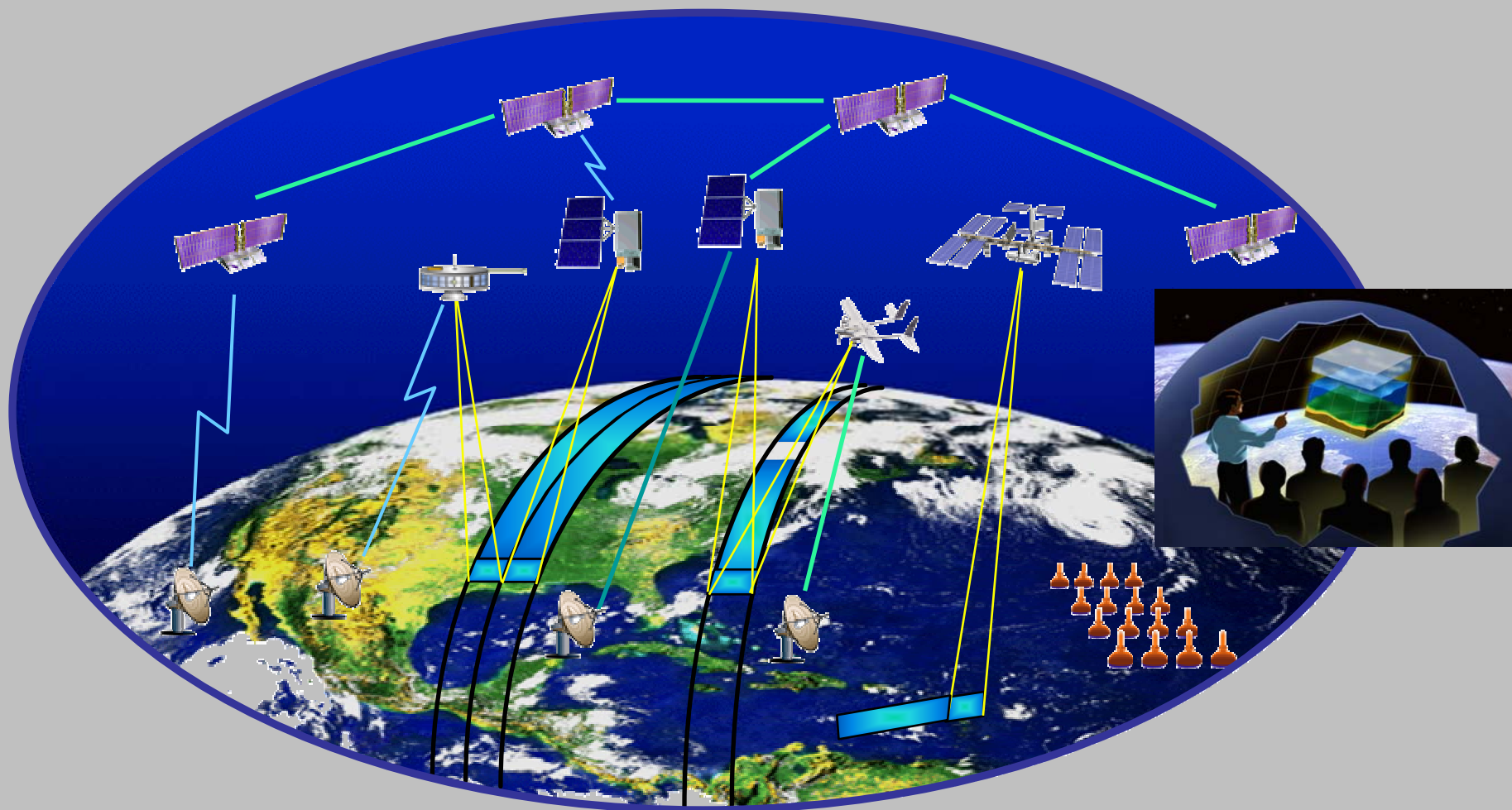
Improving Prediction Through Systems Integration





Integrated Observing System of the Future

- Information Synthesis: Distributed, Reconfigurable, Autonomous



- Access to Knowledge: On-orbit Processing, Immersive Environments



Partnerships Are Essential

■ International

- Over 290 agreements with approximately 60 different countries
- International research programs with multilateral organizations such as FAO, UNEP, WMO, WHO and CCAD

■ Interagency

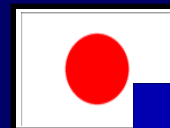
- Joint weather satellite programs with NOAA & DoD
- Landsat with DOI/USGS
- Research and applications with USDA, DOT, NSF, FEMA, USFS
- US Global Change Research Program

■ Regional, State & Local

- Associations of states, counties and cities
- Consortia of local governments and universities

■ Commercial

- Traditional industrial partnerships
- Purchases of commercial data
- Targeted advanced technology collaborations





Earth Observation Summit

- Hosted by U. S. Government in Washington, D.C. on July 31, 2003
- Senior international government and non-government leaders in climate science, technology, and environment
- To obtain international support for a system of integrate space-borne, airborne, and *in situ* observations, to help understand and address global, environmental and economic concerns

(www.earthobservationssummit.gov)